Information and Communication Technology in Judiciary

207. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared National Policy and Action Plan for Implementation of Information and Communication Technology in the judiciary;

(b) if so, the details regarding essential features thereof;

(c) whether the policy has been fully implemented; and

(d) the investments proposed to be made thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) A scheme for implementation of Information and Communication Technology in the judiciary, prepared in accordance with the National Policy and Action Plan recommended by the E-Committee set up by the Government, was approved on 8th February, 2007. The salient features of the Scheme are:

(i) computerisation of all District and Subordinate Courts in the country by installing computer hardware, providing system software, power back up and training;

(ii) providing all judicial officers with laptop computers;

(iii) upgradation of the existing computerization of the Supreme Court and the High Courts;

(iv) electronic networking of the lowest courts with the highest court.

(v) provision of video conferencing facilities.

An amount of Rs. 442 crore has been approved for being spent on the above components in the first phase of the scheme.

Registration of marriages

†208. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is consulting the State Governments regarding registration of marriages of all citizens;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the States have enacted rules for Hindus only; and

(c) whether other communities do not agree with the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected from the State Governments.

(c) It has been the consistent policy of the Central Government not to interfere in the Personal Laws of the minority communities unless the necessary initiatives for such changes come from a sizeable cross section of such communities themselves.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.